

RULE 88. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL

Whenever a party to a civil action is entitled, by operation of law, to counsel appointed or assigned to represent that party at state expense in a proceeding governed by these rules, such assignment shall be governed by M. R. Crim. P. 44, 44A, 44B, and 44C.

Advisory Note – July 2010

The amendment adopting M.R. Civ. P. 88, using the number of a previously repealed rule, is necessitated by the establishment of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (4 M.R.S. §§ 1801-1805 and 5 M.R.S. §§ 959 and 12004-G (25-A)), enacted by P.L. 2009, ch. 419. These changes reflect a transfer of responsibility for indigent legal services in both civil and criminal cases from the Judicial Branch to the independent Commission. *See* Emergency Preamble to P.L. 2009, ch. 419 and 4 M.R.S. §§ 1801 and 1804.